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Dear Sir:

The Examiner in this case issued a Restriction Requirement dated May 12, 2004. The Examiner originally set forth Embodiment I, having the method of Claim 61; and Embodiment II, having the method of Claim 72.

A telephone call to the Examiner confirmed that Embodiment II reads on Claim 73.

In response, the Applicant Elects to prosecute Embodiment I. Claims 61-72. Claims 60-84 are pending. Claims 73-80 read on the non-elected Embodiment and may be cancelled upon allowance of claims directed to the elected invention.

The Applicant notes that the cancellation of claims is without prejudice to the subject matter therein. The Applicant expressly reserved the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in further divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications.

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